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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for inserting an identification modulation code into a printed image, comprising the steps of:
 - a) inserting a start code into a subpixel modulation process;
 - 5 b) modulating said subpixel modulation process in accordance with a code, wherein said code corresponds to a print engine; and
 - c) inserting a stop code into said subpixel modulation process.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said code is repeated several times throughout a printed image.
- 10 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said modulating step further comprises modulating said subpixel modulation process between two levels.
4. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said modulating step further comprises modulating said subpixel modulation process between full and half modulation.
- 15 5. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said modulating step further comprises modulating said subpixel modulation process between full and no modulation.
6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said start code further comprises a modulation sequence of 11110011.
- 20 7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stop code further comprises a modulation sequence 00001111.